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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Thompson, Charles N. (Charles Nebeker), 1861-1949
Title	Charles N. Thompson papers
Date	1820-1944
Extent	0.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box, 1 oversize folder
Language	English

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Biographical Note

Charles Nebeker Thompson was born at Covington, Fountain County, Indiana on July 17, 1861 to William and Hannah (Nebecker) Thompson. He graduated from DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana in 1882 and was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1885. Besides practicing law, he served as an Indiana state senator from 1900 to 1904. Along with his many business activities, he also served as director and president of the Indiana State Library & Historical Board from 1925-1933. He was a writer of legal, financial, and historical subjects, including the book, "Sons of the Wilderness: John and William Conner". On October 7, 1891, he married Julia Finch Conner (1867-1928), daughter of John Cogswell Conner and Alice (Finch) Conner. Julia's great-grandfather was John Conner, an early Indiana pioneer and founder of Connersville, Indiana. Her maternal grandfather, Hiram Finch, was the brother of Judge Fabius Maximus Finch. She was also the great-grand niece of William H. Conner, who's homestead has become the Conner Prairie Interactive Historic Park in Hamilton County, Indiana. Charles Thompson died on August 16, 1949.

Sources:

Information found within collection.

"Charles Thompson Dies: Ex-Senator, Attorney." *Indianapolis Star*, August 17, 1949.

Hubbard, Kin, and John T. McCutcheon. A book of Indiana: the story of what has been described as the most typically American state in the American democracy told in terms of biography. [S.I.]: Indiana Biographical Association, 1929

Walsh, Justin E., Charles W. Calhoun, Alan F. January, Elizabeth Shanahan, and Vincent A. Giroux, Jr. eds. *A Biographical Directory of Indiana General Assembly. Vol.2, 1900-1984*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1984.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains material that Charles N. Thompson collected while researching his wife's family history and includes news clippings, photostat copies and typed abstracts of newspaper articles regarding the Conner and Finch families (1820-1944); photostats of Indiana Acts and United States Senate reports regarding political and legal activities of John and William Conner (1820-1829); letters written by James Garner Finch of Lawrence, Kansas to his "Dear Cousin" (1892-1896); and photostats of a journal and letters from the Indiana State Library's collection of John Tipton's papers (1820-1834).

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Charles N. Thompson on 1938/07/01.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/02/12 by Laura Eliason. EAD finding aid created 2016/02/12 by Laura Eliason.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

S0291: William Conner papers

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Noblesville (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Conner, John, 1775-1826
- Conner, William, 1777-1855
- Finch, Fabius Maximus, 1810-1900
- Finch, James G., 1809-1904
- Tipton, John, 1786-1839

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Indiana Acts and United States Senate reports, 1820-1829	1	1
John Tipton journal and letters, 1820-1834	1	2
Charles Thompson letters and news clippings, 1820-1898, 1929	1	3
Charles Thompson notes and newspaper abstracts, 1829-1936	1	4
Haimbaugh scrapbook and news clippings, 1851-1921	1	5
James G. Finch letters, 1892-1896	1	6
Charles N. Thompson scrapbook, 1868-1944	1	7
	Oversize	Folder
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